コッペリオン【COPPELION】

❶遺伝子操作によって生まれた、放射能への抗体を持った子供。

❷その子供たちで組織された、陸上自衛隊第三師団特殊部隊の名称。放射能に汚染された東京での人命救助などを任務としている。

Children who were given gene manipulation to have [illegible] radioactive [illegible].

which is composed with these children. 3rd Division. They are assigned to radiation-contaminated Tokyo.

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TAEKO

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時は西暦2036年。

渋谷の生存者と合流を果たし、

新都銀行へ辿り着いた者たち。

だが、そこで目にしたのは

あまりに凄惨な地獄絵図であった！

いったい副都心・新宿で何が

起こっているというのか……!?

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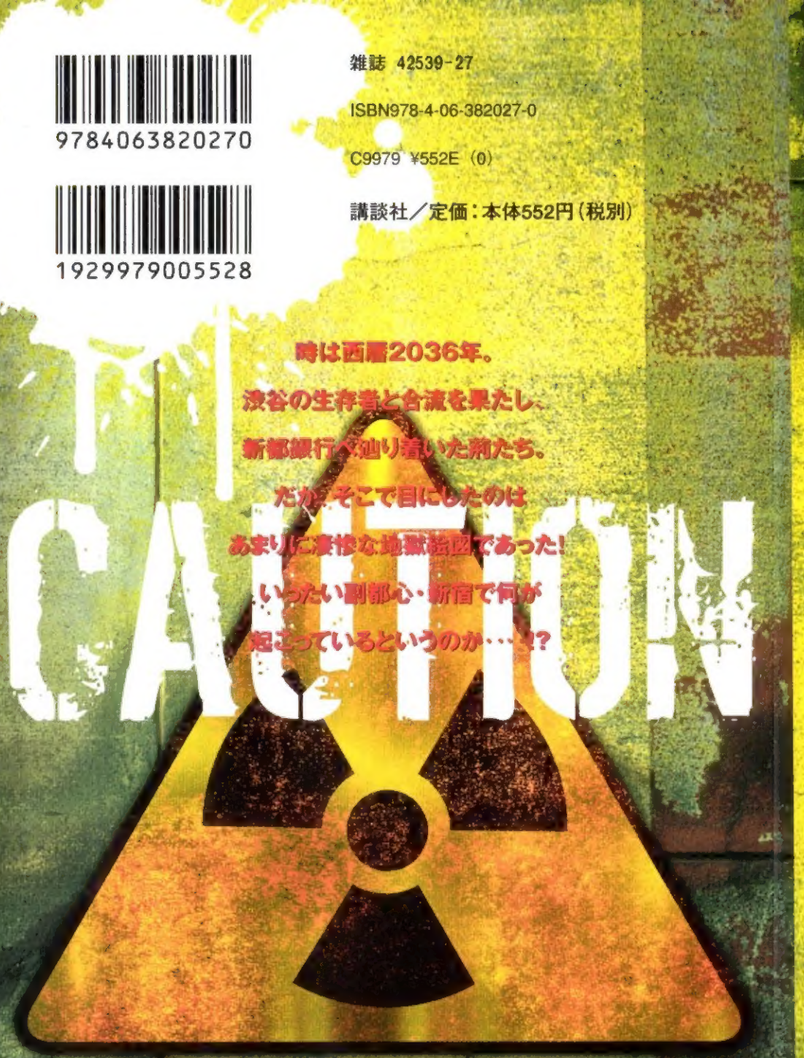

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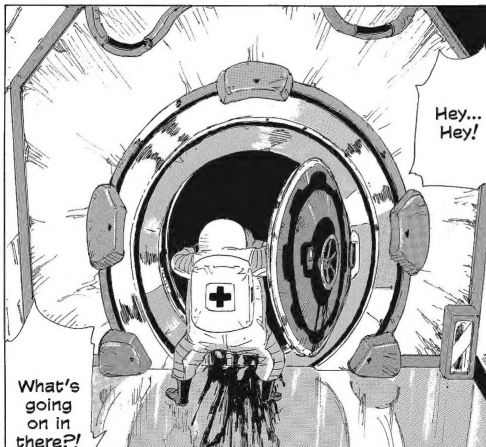
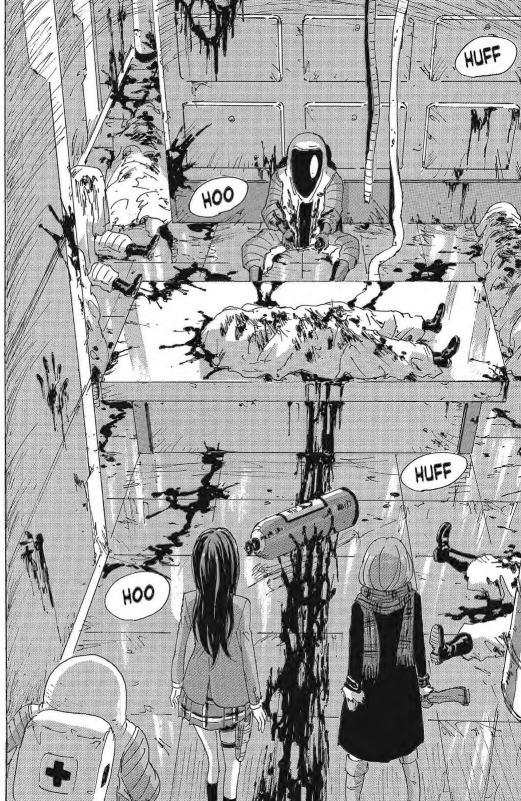

Hey... Hey!
What's going on in there?!
Phase.7【 Pursuer 】

...?

Well, the radiation level seems normal ...
CLOD
Say something! Geez!
CLOD


HUFF
HOO
HUFF
HOO

HOO
HUFF
HUFF
There's so much blood—
Wh-What on Earth ...?
HUFF
HOO
HUFF
Hey. Na-ruse.
One of the humans is still alive.
HOO

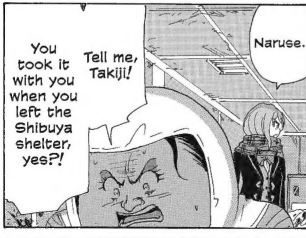
Kanon, you check on the rest of them!
We need to give them first aid—
O-Okay!
Na-ruse!
Only one of them is still breathing.
I don't sense electric currents in these bodies.
They're all dead.
Mon-ster! Argh!
WHUD
FWUP
FWUP
S-Stay away!
Ahhh....!
Ugh...
!

M-Monster ...
Stay away!!
Get away from me!!
DASH
We're here to help you!
Calm down!
It's a mon-ster !!
Augh... help me!
It's me, Takiji! Get ahold of yourself!
M-Mama Akiko? Is that you?
... Reverend Takiji!
You're ...

What on Earth happened here?!
...?!
Why are they all dead? Say something!
FLAP
...So that's it...! You fools, you set this up! Heheh....
You were after our supplies... dear God!
HUFF
HOO
Wh...
What are you saying?!
You filthy swine!
I-it's mine, all mine!
He's in shock. He's confused.
We should move him someplace safe. Then we'll talk to him.

Arsenic trioxide?!

Where's the arsenic trioxide?!
Takiji... answer me!


You took it with you when you left the Shibuya shelter, yes?!
Tell me, Takiji!
Naruse.

Get out... This is my shelter! Be-gone!
Hya-haha!

HUFF
Hee-hee ...
It's mine, all mine...
HOO

Some-thing's coming!
Naruse!

A strong electric pulse... It's been followin' us this whole time...
BZZT

What?!

Wait... you mean the thing that wrecked the ceiling?

W-Wait!
The arsenic trioxide has to be in here!
We have to find it!

We have to get out of here! Kanon, go tell the others!
Oh no...! We're about to be damsels in distress?!
KCHK

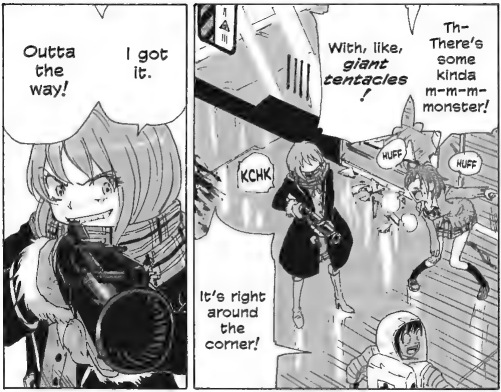
Look, just help me find it!
It's used in medicine!
Isn't that stuff toxic?!
Arsenic trioxide—what is it?!
Thanks! We're in your debt!
HUFF
HOO
We'll split up! I'm going this way!
Dammit... fine!
DASH
DASH
05
What're they doin' in there?
They still not back?

And this horrible stench...
Taeko... the blood...
Yes...
I'm sure ...
...we've come across some-thing awful again...
What was that?!
I feel like I've heard that before!
MYOOOO
?!

Wait! That's a vault!
SWSH
Ryuno-suke, stay back!
Yeah
Mr Asimov... wasn't that—?
KRR
SH
What if it's a dead end—?
MEYOTOTOO

FWUP
Mama Akiko, find anything yet?!
CLACK
Arsenic trioxide ...
Dammit, where did they hide it?!
CLACK
No!
Arsenic trioxide ...
?!
Give it up and tell me where it is!
Takiji!
He's gone!
Wh ...?

Huh?
STOMP
Yeeeek !!
CLOP
CLOP
STOMP


Outta the way!
I got it.
It's right around the corner!
KCHK
With, like, giant tentacles!
Th-There's some kinda m-m-m-monster!
HUFF
HUFF

SPL
SH
KRISH
KRISH

BLAM
BLAM

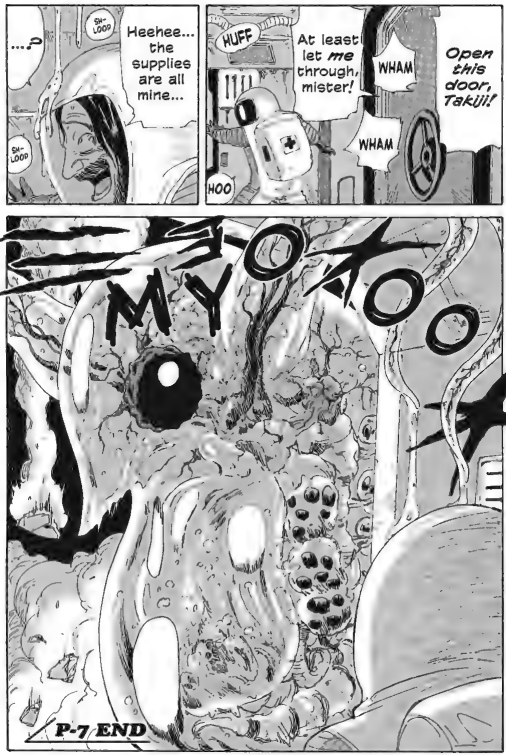
It's a bank, it's gotta have an emergency exit!
Look for a way out!
BOOM

MYOOO
KRISH
It's here!!
Wh-Wh-What now?!

...
Eeep!!
KRSH
EXIT
KRRE
?!
!
!!
IF
Who are you?! What are you doing ?!
Hey ...
EXIT
Wait!
Let us through too!
KRRE
Is that the emergency exit?!

CLICK
MYOOOM
!!
Open up, stupid face!
WHAM
Wai...
WHAM
Got it!
Is this the arsenic trioxide ?!
Yes, it is! You found it!
Now let's get outta here!
DASH!!

What?!
It's locked from the other side!
He's only saving his own skin?!
...?!
Open up!
Come oooh!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
We can't hold it back any-more!
Hey!
BOOM
That phony priest!
It was Takiji!
That sound... did it break through a wall!?
...
?!
BWOOM


....?
Sh-LOOP
Heehee... the supplies are all mine...
Sh-LOOP
HUFF
At least let me through, mister!
WHAM
WHAM
Open this door, Takji!
HOO
MYOOOO
P-7 END

Phase.8[Underground Monster]
EXIT
WHAM
KCHAK
Open this door, Takiji!
There's a strange monster down here!
WHAM
It might've moved over to your side!
That was Takiji!
Th...
!!
Aaargh!!

MYOOO
Aaargh!
M-
Monster
!!

NYOK
NYOK
...
SHL
OOP
A-
Aieee
!!

...
SHLP
1P
SHLP
H-Heeelp!!
Argh... augh!
I-Ibara, we have to run!
It's too danger-ous!
Dam-mit... we'll find another way through!
KACHAK
KACHAK
C'mon, Kanon!
KACHAK
Ibara, waaait!
TMP
Wh...?
TMP

FSSSH
A hole in the wall!
That's where the monster went in! Let's move!
TMP
TMP
!
SNSH
CLACK
... thing ...
Say some...
RR
M
Mr. Takiji ?!
KCHK
M—
RR

MEYOOO

What the hell is that thing?!
Wh...
He's *inside* it!
Ugh!
Gedd me out!!
BOING
GLUG
H-Help—glug!
GLUG
BOING
...cru... shed...
KREE
CRAK
KREE
I'm... being...

It's too late to save him. Open fire!
Shit, it got 'im!
BSSH
CRACK
!!
BLAM
BOOM

!!
WHUD
BLAM
BOOF
BLAM
BWOO
SHK
!!
WHUD
BZZT

The lights went out!
This is bad!
Eek, it's pitch black!
I can't see anything!!
B
!!
Nice! That's bright!
Thanks, Kanon!
TCH
GNOOP
It slunk off somewhere.

It's far away now. Fast little coward...
Where'd that thing go?!
The closest exit is through the underground mall! Follow me!
We gotta get above ground, now!
TMP
TMP
TMP
PET SHOP
ATLANTIS
There're *fish* in these tanks!
There's a staircase in here!
Yup! Water tends to pool up down here.
Wha... a pet shop?
TMP
TMP

SPLASH
SPLASH
Wahh!
I'm gonna drown!
...

Sometimes there are sudden pools of water, so be caref—
SLIP

...
We can't go this way.

Is your suit okay?!
SPLSH
Eep! That was close...

...?!

We'll find another way out!
Double back!

MEYOOOOO
Attack of the giant water flea!!
Look out! Aoi, get back!!
NYOOK

SHL
FWAP
FWAP
SHL
OOP
A...
Aoi!!
!!
SHL
UP
GWOOP
Hrah!
HRRNG
Every-body pull!
You mon-ster ...
GWSH
Give her back!!
TUG

CRACKLE
CRACKLE
Take this!!
Try one of my thunderbolts on for size!!
SPLISH
Bleh!
BZZT
POKO
KOFF
KOFF
I... I'm melti... hrk!
You okay, Aoi?!
DRIP

BWOOM
Get lost, you single-celled organism!!
Hahaha ...!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
!!
SHLD
SHLD
Kanon!
TEAR
Augh!

KRRRSH
?!
Sh—
Shion
?!
CLUNK
CLUNK
SHINK

SHUJO
NR
P-8 END

SHUNK
Phase.9【 Grotesque Truth 】
CLINK
TMP

I'm here to save you, sis!
Oh, yeah!

MYO
FWAP
FWAP
Now run this lower life form through!
Good, Shion!
FWIP
BWOOOA
WHUD

Hup!
WHAM
NYOEOK
SHINK
!!
♪
TMP
TMP
TMP

I think we can go through the wall Shion broke through!
Ibara!
!
Was that a vital point?!
Oh?!
Now's our chance to get above ground! Hurry!
Okay!

SLAP
!
You smell like sewer water. Die!
Stupid water flea!
GWISH
GWISH
WHO
OSH
FSSH FSSH
Wh ...?
MYO
It didn't work?!
!
Gyah!
THUD

BW
OOSH
FSSSSH
Its tentacle regenerated!
Meow ?!
MYOOOOO
Fall back, Ozu sisters!
Crap, it's a bona fide monster!

There's light above! It must be an exit!
STOMP
STOMP
Leggo, you're heavy!
It's dark and scary! Save me!
KREE
!!
Wherever does it lead?
I dunno, let's go see!
Aieee !!
More huge monsters ?!

PICCADILLY SHINJUKU
It's a movie poster!
Oh, geez!
?
W-Well they shouldn't hang up something so *mis-leading!* Idiots!
Awesome! We made it above ground! Whoo hoo!
So... this must be a movie theater!
PICCADILLY SHINJUKU
Oh god... that was so horrible...

Winter 2016 Roadshow
Attack of the Monsters! 3D
Gift Shop
What on Earth...
...was that grotesque creature?

Back down there...

It killed Takiji...
So everyone else living in the bank, it's what...

Uh, duh!
It's a water flea that *mutated* from the radiation and turned giant!

What's wrong, Taeko?
Huh? Um, it's nothi—

How could this happen...?
We never should have left the Shibuya shelter!
...

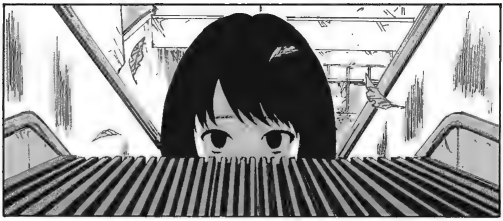
BEEP
!!
BEEP
BEEP
Then —
BEEP
The radiation level's spiking!
Wh-What is it, Mr. Asimov?!
BEEP
BEEP
Mana Tsubu-raya's here?!
It's the Geiger counter's alert!
Go to the upper floor!
The stairs!
I don't know!
W-We have to get away, or her neutrons will hurt you!
Wh-Where?! Where's she coming from?!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

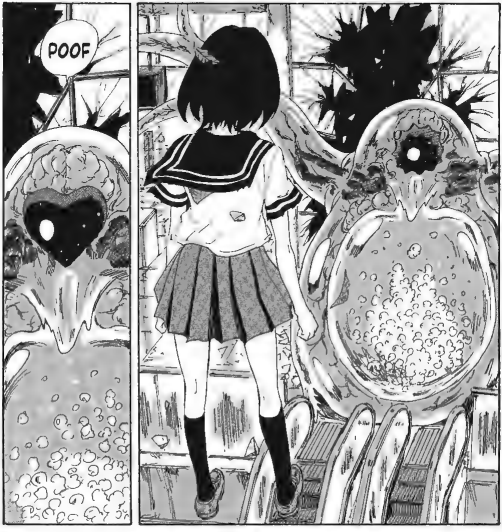
FWAP
Eek! I can't walk any longer!
STOMP
STOMP
Stop whining and climb! Hurry!
Okay, the reading's gone down!
PLINK
Elevator
We'll hide here and—
!!
KRI
SSSSH

BLAM
BLAM
Th—
The return of the mutant water flea!!
MYOOOOO
BOOF
This is a movie, right? Right?!
Head further in!
BLAM

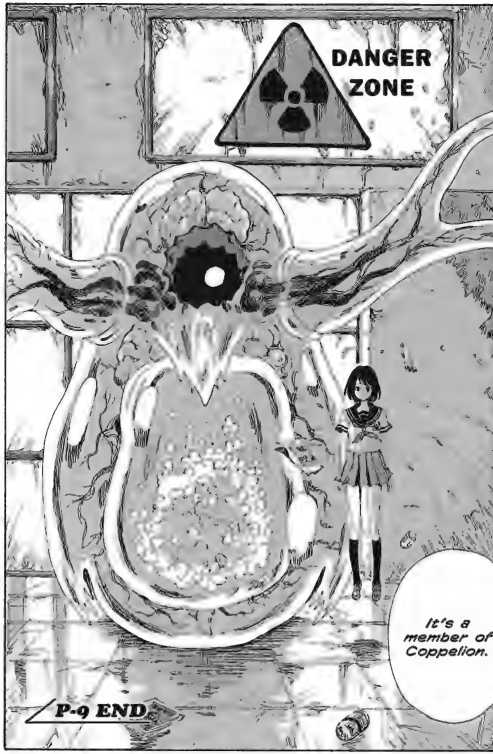
MY
Ibara, the monster's back there!
Aoi, there you are!
TMP
BLAM
BLAM
...?!
TICKETS
Crap, it's still after us?!
JUMP!
TMP
TMP
Hide behind the ticket counter!
MY
GLANCE
GLANCE
...

TMP
TMP
Mr. Asimov, get back!
Huh?
What's up with that?
GLANCE
GLANCE
It's lookin' for some-thing.
TICK
TICK
Oh, no...
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
!!
Hide for now, you two!




POOF

The monster... looks like it's her pet! Ha!
That's Mana Tsubu-raya, right?
What the heck did it just...?!
Rep, look, look!
...
That's crazy...
How is it still alive, when it's right next to her?!
...I knew it...
...
Oh yeah —
It's no monster ...
Any animal should die from the neutrons she gives off, right?!
That's right ...!
It's the same as us... a living doll, resistant to radiation.


DANGER
ZONE
It's a member of Coppelion.
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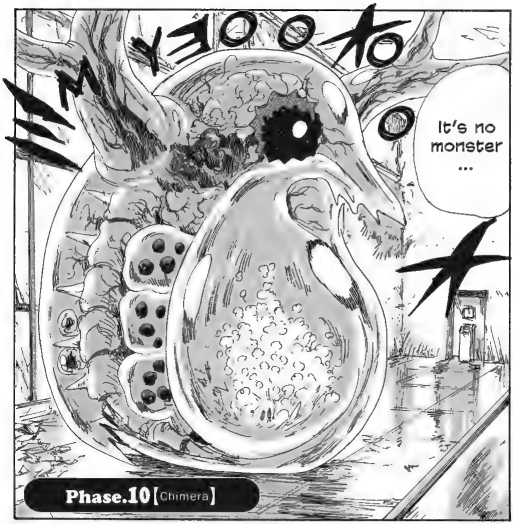
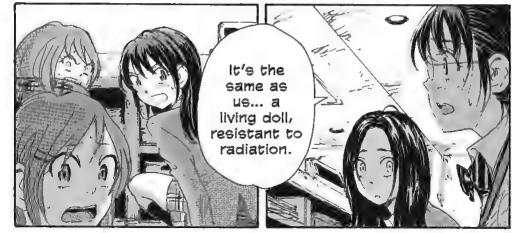

It's no monster ...
Phase.10 [Chimera]


It's the same as us... a living doll, resistant to radiation.

泥棒
NoMo
It's a member of Coppelion.

...is our *classmate*?
That single-celled organism...
The hell... this isn't funny.
...
Don't lump me in with that ugly thing!
Hell no!
I don't know the details, but...
Do you know something about that thing?
Taeko...
...I'd heard rumors at school.

While I was watering the flower garden behind the school.
TWEET
BING
BONG
It was... that's right.
TWEET
BING
BONG

I know you'll bloom beautifully.
NO ENTRY
Hee hee ...
FSSSH

This operation is top secret... We can't let even one piece of personal information leak out.
Stay quiet, Professor B!
?
I see!
So we can finally start testing their resistance inside Tokyo!
CLOP

...
Which specimen should we send in first?
PSST
PSST
Oh... right, right.
So, Professor A ...
Chimera ...?
We created the "Chimera" just for this occasion!
Why, that's obvious!
Shh!
But...
So its brain functions at the same level as a human, right.
Now, now, Professor C.
You know it has Coppelion genes, just like the others.
Will that monster be any use?
Ah, the prototype ...

If we lose control of it, you mean?
Say the experiment succeeds.
The solution is quite simple.
NO ENTRY
What do we do if, hypothetically, the Chimera goes wild in Tokyo?
Yes... all failed specimens will be done away with.
We'd just get rid of it.
NO ENTRY
I heard the researchers saying that.
The failures will all be destroyed.

They sent it to Tokyo as an experiment.
The prototype "Chimera" ...
NeMORE
The school... they made this thing, too?!
In biology, a chimera is a living organism with more than one set of DNA...
Chimera ...
They were both abandoned as failed test subjects...
...The Chimera and the second-years have a connection.
Hey. They said its brain functions at the same level as the human mind, right?
So... is that big water flea intelligent?
GLANCE

What if...
...that formed a bond of loyalty between them?
...

FWIP
Crap!
She noticed us! Why now?!
?!
...
?!
Naruse, look!

She's gone out of it again!
Aoi?!
SHIII

She's got some kind of connection to Mana Tsuburaya!
Aoi Fukasaku ...
Yeah, you heard me!
Resonating?!
ニゲテ
Ozu sisters, cover my back!
BANG
Retreat!
We have to get the survivors away from her, or—
Ibara!
BEEP
BEEP

Get in there!
There's a missile truck parked on Yasukuni Street!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
Food & Drinks
Eeeek!!
BANG
Run! The neutrons downstairs should have already degraded!
BLAM
It's here!
BWO
OSH
A-And after we make it outside?!
You get Aoi Fukasaku out of here!
GWSH
Thanks, Kanon!

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
?
THUD
THUD
TWIRL
THUD
!
Bring it, widdle water flea!
Wha ...?!
Your fight's with us!
THUD
?!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
Wh-Why you!
Don't you dare ignore us!

NYOOK
THUD
THUD
THUD
Go away!!
Gah!!
Hrah! Crazy stalker!
TMP
TMP
WHUD
WHUD
Piccadilly Shinjuku
There's the stairs!

KR
RSH
TMP
Alright, here's the first floor—
!!
MYOOO
Hahaha!
Too big to fit through, ain't'cha?!
STOMP
STOMP

FWIP
HWOO
HWOO
Mana Tsubu-raya!
KRA
SSH

FWU
HACK
i...
Run... A... o...
R...
It happened when she absorbed my electricity—
That's right.
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
Aoi's in super trouble!
Sis, look!
Last time she awakened...
CRACKLE
Ya sure about that?
SWISH
CRACKLE

CRACKLE
Wakey wakey!
CRACKLE
Stop! Kanon!
S...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
Let loose your true power!
Aoi Fukasaku !!
CRACKLE
P-10 END

Phase.11 [Flight Down Meiji Street!]
CRACKLE
Show us your true power, Aoi Fukasaku!
CRACKLE
It can take down Mana Tsuburaya!
BZZT
!
Kanon !
Stop !

BZZT
...
BZZT

What's the hold up, Aoi Fukasaku?!
CRACKLE
Absorb my electricity, just like you did yesterday!
CRACKLE
BZZT
BZZT
This wakes you up, right?!
What, you want more?!
BZZT
You're shocking her! Stop!!
Oh no...!
...
BZZT

Dam-mit!
Wh...
FOO''
What the heck?!
Well?! Did she wake up?!
M-My clothes, they're scorched!
Wha ...?
Ahuu-uhn!
...
...
Huh?
That dumb-ass ...
She's back to normal— and totally useless!

!!
SWSH
Damn ...
It's all over if she kills Aoi Fukasaku!
Get her out of there, rep!
CLANG
Guh ...
WOBBLE
A-Aoi —
HWOOM

KRAAAASH
Piccadilly
Shinjuku
BWOOOSH
?!

!!
FSSSH
Get in!
Now's our chance!
KA
BOOM
Yeek!!
...

Over here!
Hurry, hurry!
Aoi, c'mon!
DASH
GWSH
O-Okay, Ibara!
SWISH
Hrk...
?!
Your fight's ...
FWIP
WHOOSH
... with me!!

POW
FWUMP
ROLL
ROLL
TWIRL
Everybody's in! Come on, Ozu sisters!
What are you waiting for, Asimov?! Get us out of here!
VREEE

SHOOP
Don't leave uuus!!
I- Idiots!
SW
ISH
We can take it to Shibuya!
Keep going until we get to Meiji Street, then turn right!
PICCADILLY SHINJUKU

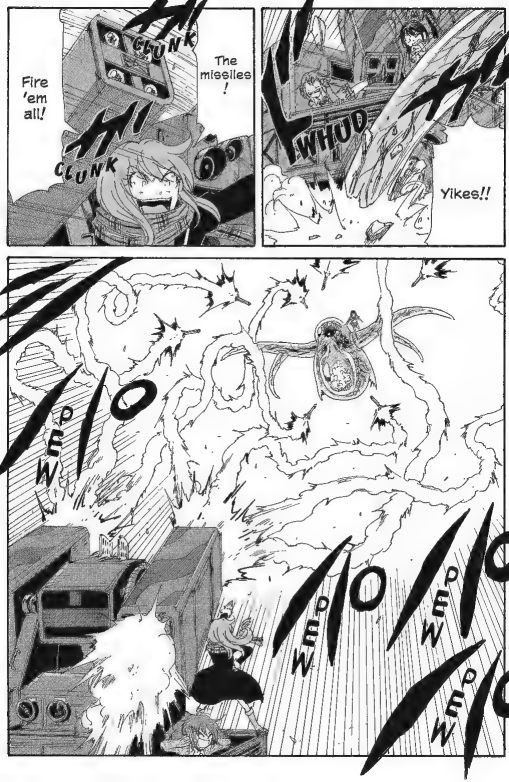
VROOM
Hey!!
Wait for us, scum-bags!
CLUNK
MYOOOT
T-ROB
T-ROB
KRISSSH
!!

FWAP
Run, you two!
VR
OOM
Wahh! It's mad, sis!
Pretty insolent, for a friggin' water flea!
THUD
THUD
THUD
Upaaaah!!
The Chimera's coming! Hurry!!

CLANG
Made it!!
WHUD
We're on Meiji Street!
Idiot! Pull us in!
SKRRR

!!
SWAP
Damn-mit!
What'll it take to get them off our backs?!
With Mana Tsubu-raya's power ...
...blowing us away should be a piece of cake!
That she hasn't ...
Tells us we've got something they want!
UNI OLD
WHOOSH

Huh?
The second-years are after...
Wh-What?
Aoi?!
You don't mean—
Y...
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO PLAY AROUND, MANA?
!
...
YOU CAN KILL THE REST OF THEM.
HURRY UP AND SECURE AOI FUKASAKU.


CLUNK
Fire 'em all!
The missiles!
CLUNK
WHUD
Yikes!!
PEW
PEW
PEW
PEW
PEW

KRRRSH
FLOAT
?!
... Huh?
KA
BOOM
Tch...
Didn't even scratch 'em!!
FWAP
FWAP
Huuuh? I'm floating!
H...
Ibara! Aoi's—
GWSH

Wait... oh, no!
Ahh!
GWSH
They can't have her!!
They'll both be taken!
P-11 END

FWAP
Wh-Why am I floating?!
Stop flailing, Aoi! I'll lose my grip!
FWAP
Phase.12 [The Master of City Hall]

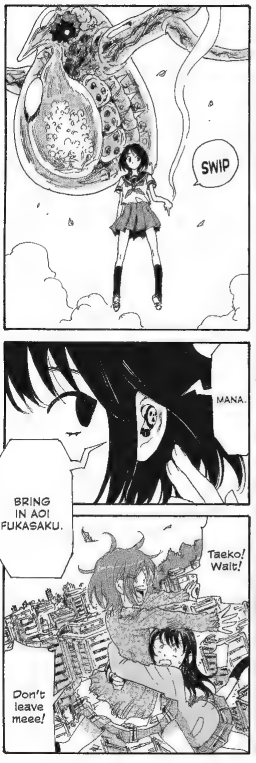
There's no doubt about it.
Shit ...

Oh, no... they'll both be taken!
Ibara! Aoi!

Mana Tsuburaya—no, the second-years... they're after—
FWAP
We're so high! Oh my god!!
FWAP
I said hold still!
Aoi Fukasaku !!

Mana Tsuburaya ...
This is her doing!
Nooo! Let me dooown!
...!
Wh-Why would she kidnap Aoi?!
Hell if I know!
There's one thing this does tell us, though:
There's a mystery centered on Aoi Fukasaku...
And the second-years hold the key to it!
Oh, but... more importantly, we have to save Ibara and Aoi!
Sis! Look, look!

Step on it!!
Move this thing!
!!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
Gah!!
She's attacking! Get us out of heeere!
...

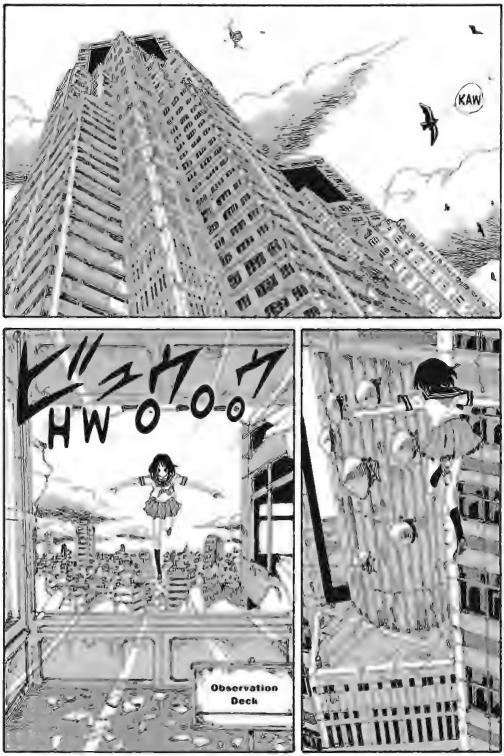

SWIP
Tch... know this, second-years:
I'm gonna mess you up!
KABOOM
MANA.
BRING IN AOI FUKASAKU.
Taeko! Wait!
Don't leave meee!

...we're coming home...
Understood...
Yeek!!
Wh-Where are we going!?
HWOOO
WW
OOSH
?!

That's ...
... Tokyo City Hall!

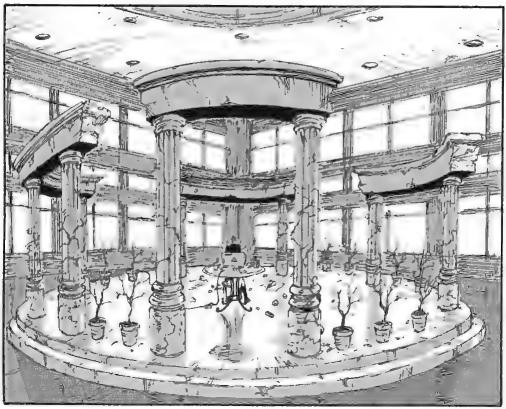
They're using City Hall as a base?!
Oh my god, we're so high!

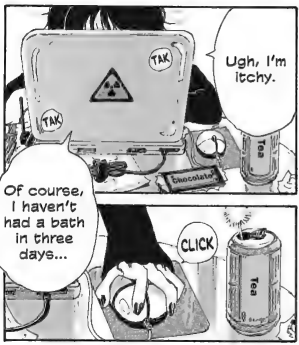
The second years


KAW
ビュウウ
HW-O-O-O
Observation Deck

Oh god... I'm gonna pee myself!
Moron! Anything but that!
TMP
POINT
Except we're on the wrong side of the window! Whee!
But, like, this is the City Hall's observation deck!
Yeek!
FSSH
FWUP
Oof!!

What do you want with us?!
Dam-mit ...
...
Ow... I can't move!
Augh! M-My arms—
TUG
TUG
?!
GWSH
What'd you bring an extra for?
?!
Hey, Mana.




TAK
TAK
Ugh, I'm itchy.
Tea
Chocolate
Of course, I haven't had a bath in three days...
CLICK
Tea

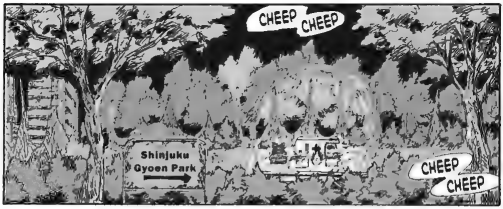
Some-one's there!
That's —

Neutrons reek.
CHEW
CHEW
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
CLICK
GUM

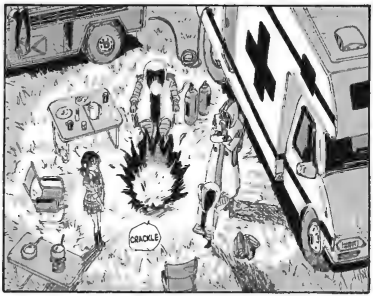
Meisa Ichikawa!
A second-year...
What are you trying to do?!
Hey, Meisa!
CHEW
CHEW
You're the one pulling Mana's strings, aren't you?!
...to kill everybody who gets too close to Tokyo.
I gave her the order...
THUD
Yuppers, representative Naruse.

CLANG
Dammit! Let us out!
I don't wanna be locked up agaaaain!
CLICK
What are you after?!
Mana... why'd you leave the rep alive?
FOO
You could kill her in an instant.
We only need Aoi Fukasaku. Do you get that?
...If she's hurt...
...the Dark Matter... will lose... stability ...

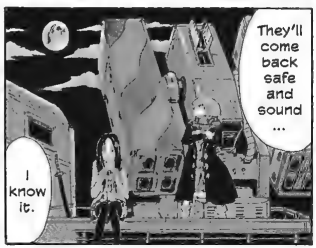
Dark Matter ...?
POP
...
Whatevs. Let's go, Mana.
CLOP
CLOP
What's ...
...“Dark Matter”?
CLOP
CLOP


CHEEP CHEEP
Shinjuku Gyoen Park
CHEEP CHEEP

Do you think those two are okay...?


CRACKLE

Ibara's there, after all.

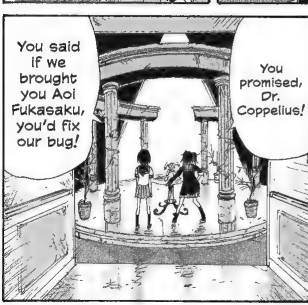

They'll come back safe and sound ...
I know it.

We're so stuck.
I'm hun-gryyy! Where's dinner?!

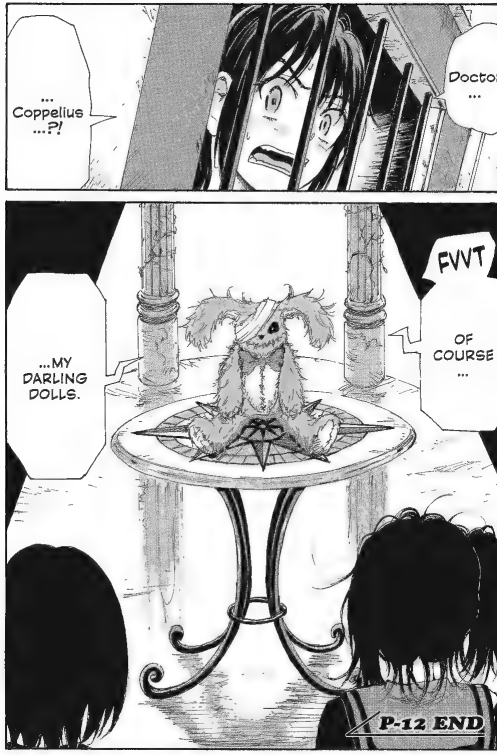
Crap ...

There's a man's voice!
Shh!

Anuuunn! I don't's wanna starve to death!
?!
FVVT
WELL DONE, MEISA ICHI-KAWA.


You said if we brought you Aoi Fukasaku, you'd fix our bug!
You promised, Dr. Coppelius!

HM HM...
FVVT
AOI FU-KASAKU IS IN OUR HANDS.. THIS IS CHECK-MATE.
...


Doctor ...
... Coppelius ...?!
FVVT
OF COURSE ...
...MY DARLING DOLLS.
P-12 END

We got Aoi Fukasaku.
Okay, Dr. Coppelius...
Phase.13[Dr. Coppelius]

Now fix us like you promised.

Dr. Coppelius?!

FVVT
OF COURSE ...
...MY DARLING DOLLS.

They're still talking ...
Shh!
Who's Dr. Coppelius?
Ibara ...
You're a bunny doll, y'know!
"Darling dolls"?
Look, hurry up and meet us IRL!
... CONTACT WITH THE NEUTRONS YOU RADIATE WOULD KILL ME INSTANTLY.
AS MUCH AS IT WOULD PLEASE ME TO GIVE YOU YOUR ORDERS DIRECTLY...
FVVT
I'M NOT A COPPELION. I'M NOTHING MORE THAN AN ORDINARY— ALBEIT SUPERIOR— HUMAN BEING.
FVVT
DON'T BE FOOLISH, MEISA ICHIKAWA.

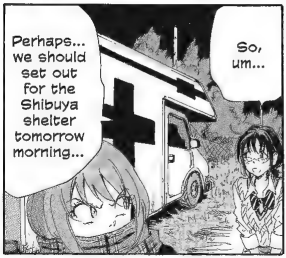
WHEN THE TIME IS RIPE...
NOW, NOW.
And why do you need Aoi Fukasaku anyway?! Huh, Doctor?!
Then how're you gonna *fix* us?!
UNTIL THEN, KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON AOI FUKASAKU.
FOO
WHEN THAT TIME COMES, ALL OF OUR DESIRES WILL COME TO FRUITION.
WHAT ...?
But ...
Sure, Doctor.
CHEW
An extra character kinda slipped in with her.

CHEEP
CHEEP
Mmm... shirako tempura... yum...
MMPH
MMPH

ZZZ
ZZZ

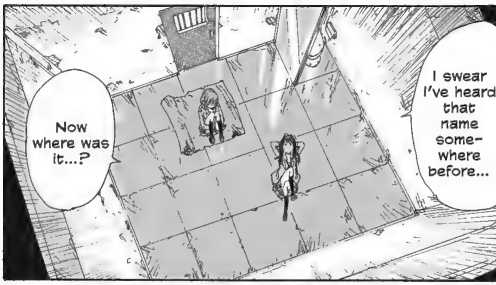
What do you want, four-eyes?

Excuse me ...


Perhaps... we should set out for the Shibuya shelter tomorrow morning...
So, um...

...the survivors don't have much oxygen left...
I'm concerned about Ibara and Aoi, but...

I'm hitting the hay. Put out the fire!
RUSTLE
Phew, I'm beat.
That's *your* problem. It's got nothing to do with the Cleanup Crew!
Like I care!
GLARE
Please hurry back...!
Oh, Ibara...
Dr. Coppelius, huh...


I swear I've heard that name somewhere before...
Now where was it...?

I remember now! That play was about, uh... uh...
FWAP!
Oh yeah!

Isn't that the name of the inventor in "Coppelia"?
Coppelius...

A long time ago, in a little town in Poland...
...there lived a doll maker named Coppelius.

The townspeople thought him an eccentric and avoided him. His life was a lonely one.
Dr. Coppeliue was a master doll maker, but gloomy and temperamental.
A beautiful girl named *Coppelia*.
...sat a mechanical doll of his own creation...
And...
...by the window of his house's second floor...

But his dream never came true.
Dr. Coppelius tried to bring Coppelia to life...

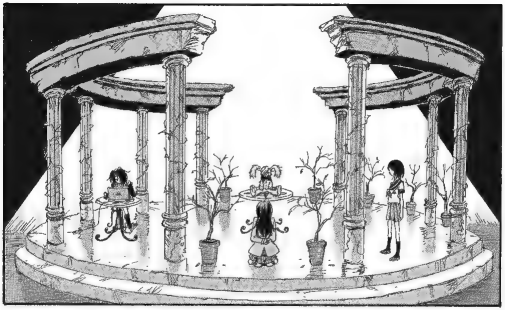
A master doll maker, huh...?
Dr. Cop-pelius ...

It's where the name Coppelion comes from, sure—but other than that it's got nothin' to do with us! Nadda!
That's just a fairy tale!
Come on, Aoi, what do you look so down for?

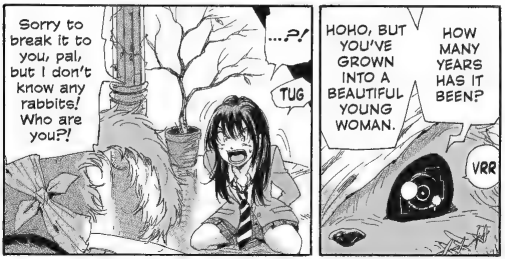
That's how you'll know you're no doll!
Whenever you feel unsure of yourself, put your hand over your chest!
Dammit, lemme go!
What are you guys scheming?! Fess up!
FWAP
FWAP
CLICK
?!
Come with us, rep.
CHEW
CHEW

...in the form of *neutrons*.
A magic *curse* ...
We just wanna undo some magic that was cast on us.
We're not "scheming" anything.
Was it you guys who killed them?!
HUFF
The survivors in Shinto Bank were wiped out...
HUFF
And the cause of their deaths... was damage from neutron radiation!
No Coppelion would kill humans—
Meisa... tell me I'm wrong, please!

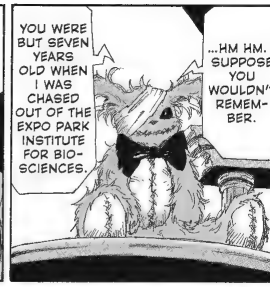
I killed them all.
No such luck.
Dr. Coppelius wants you.
I've got a game to get back to, so hurry up.
Mana, what are you standing around for?! Make her walk!

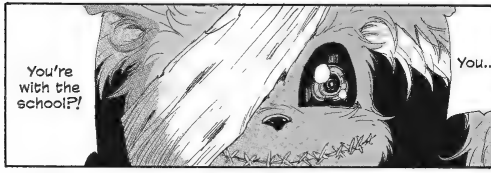


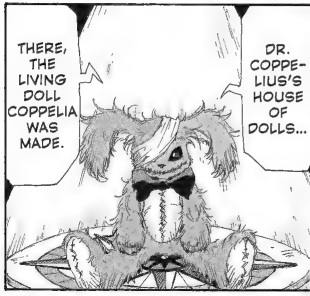
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU, REPRE-SENTATIVE IBARA NARUSE.
HELLO, THERE.
FVVT


Sorry to break it to you, pal, but I don't know any rabbits! Who are you?!
....?!
TUG
HOHO, BUT YOU'VE GROWN INTO A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN.
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN?
VRR

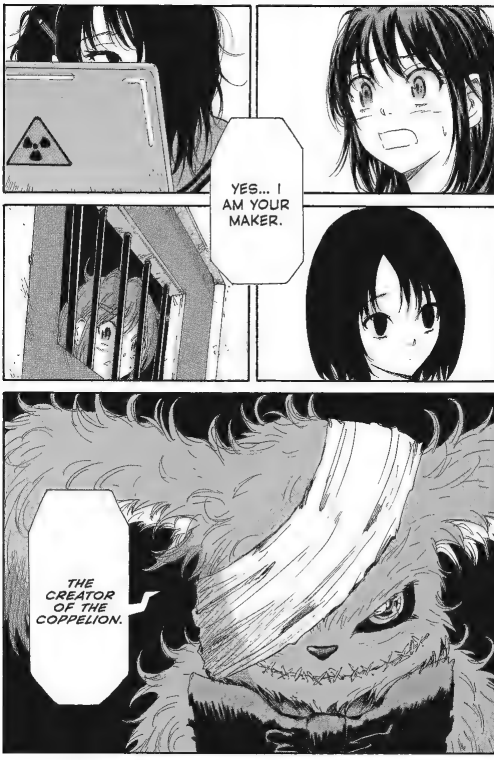
WHAT?! THE EXPO PARK LAB—
... WHA ...

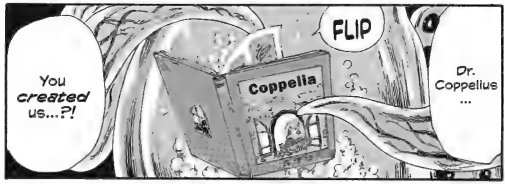

YOU WERE BUT SEVEN YEARS OLD WHEN I WAS CHASED OUT OF THE EXPO PARK INSTITUTE FOR BIO-SCIENCES.
..HM HM. I SUPPOSE YOU WOULDN'T REMEMBER.


You're with the school?!
You...


THERE, THE LIVING DOLL COPPELIA WAS MADE.
DR. COPPE-LIUS'S HOUSE OF DOLLS...

IT WAS I WHO BUILT THAT FACILITY INTO WHAT IT IS, 20 YEARS AGO.
I WAS, REGRET-TABLY.
FOOAH
CLICK


YES... I AM YOUR MAKER.
THE CREATOR OF THE COPPELION.


FLIP
Coppelia
Dr. Coppelius ...
You *created* us...?!

I've heard enough! Now tell me what you're planning!
That doesn't mean we're yours to control!
Heh... so what if you did!

EVEN WITH MY GENIUS, I HADN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA.
YAWN
WHICH SPECIMEN WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL...?
AH, YES... MY GRAND PLAN!
FVVT
BUT WHO WOULD HAVE GUESSED ...
UNPREDICTABILITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF SCIENCE.
...WOULD SHOW SIGNS OF BEING THIS EXPERIMENT'S COMPLETED FORM?
...THAT A DUNCE CREATED MERELY AS AN EXTRA...
KRASH
?!
A dunce? Wait—
A...

FVVT
VRR
OHO...!
HAS THE TIME COME, THEN?
HWOOO
AO! FUKA-SAKU—
P-13 END

HWOOO
OHO ...?!
Phase.14 [Wandering Sand]

HAVE YOU FINALLY AWAKENED ?!
AOI FUKA-SAKU...
FVVT

HWOOOO

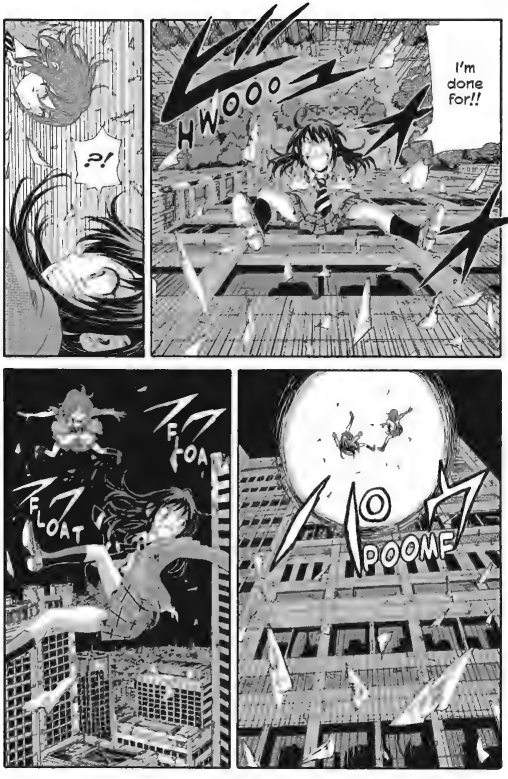
Wait a...
Is she...
...Float-ing?
What the heck?!
That's Mana's ability!
Aoi!
Beat these guys!!
FVVT
THIS COULD BE BAD ...!

WHO
OSH
H
STOP HER WITH A GRAVITATIONAL FIELD!
FVVT
WHAT ARE YOU DAWDLING FOR, MANA TSUBURAYA?!
?!
VWEE

POOM
Aoi!!
GWO
OSH

CLINK
BWOOOOOM

KRRSH
Ahhh!!
KRISH
!!
WHUD


?!
HWOOO
I'm done for!!
FLOAT
FLOAT
DOOMF

HEY! GIVE ME A BETTER VIEW!
MARVELOUS. SHE'S PERFECT!
OHO ...!
FVVT
...
SUCH BOUNDLESS ENERGY ...
SHE'S THE VERY EMBODIMENT OF ATOMIC POWER!
This can't be happening ...
She hurt Mana...
?!
DANGLE

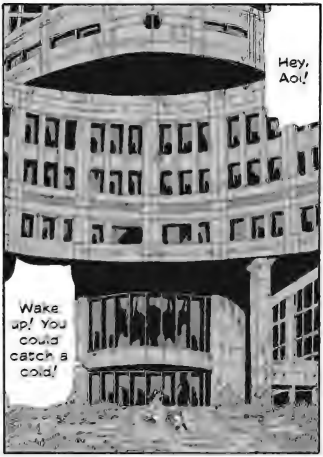
Spill, or you're taking a dive.
Just what is Aoi Fukasaku, Dr. Coppelius?
D-DON'T DROP ME! I'M TOO GENIUS TO DROP!
KREE
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, MEISA ICHIKAWA?!
WA-O-O-O-N
FVVT
VERY WELL! I'LL TELL YOU EVERY-THING.
VRR
HEHE-HEH... WHAT A COLD DOLL...
TMP

Uh...
Um...
...
?!
DOSU
THUMP
FOO
...
DOKE
DOKE
AOI FUKA-SAKU...
HOO HOO
IT SEEMS SHE HAS YET TO GAIN CONTROL OVER HER POWER.

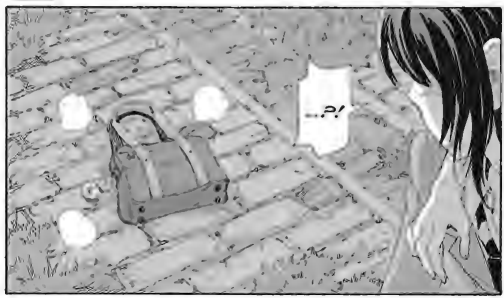
She has the same power as Mana, right?
And at an even higher level—
WE CANNOT CONTROL HER LIKE THIS... HM HM.
SHE APPEARS TO BE IN A TRANCE-LIKE STATE...
Doctor, is that ...
...the Coppelion's completed form?
ONE COULD SAY SHE IS AN IMPROVED VERSION OF MANA TSUBURAYA.
THAT SEEMS TO BE THE CASE.
Does that mean ...
...that the other specimens are all...
キロ STARE
...are all failures?

TO SAVE MY POOR CHILDREN —
THAT'S WHY I CAME TO MEET YOU.
I LOVE YOU ALL EQUALLY.
POP
HEHEH ...
THERE'S A GOOD GIRL, MEISA ICHIKAWA.
NOW GO.
SHOW THEM THE POWER HIDDEN IN YOUR DNA.

No good...
Guess I better get us out of here for now—


Hey, Aoi!
Wake up! You could catch a cold!

?!
THUMP


...?!

POKE
POKE
...
Wh...
What the heck? A school bag...
What's in it... huh?
Did it fall from up there?
ZIP
FSSS
A sailor uniform ?!
Uh...
FWAP
?!
SHH

FSS
SH
Whoa!!
A-A sand monster?!
FWUMP
FSS
SH
?!

FSSSH
N-No way—
Nuclear force ...
The binding force that holds together protons and neutrons, stabilizing the nucleus.
This is the source of nuclear energy.
And without it, matter itself would crumble apart.
Manipulating nuclear force at will...
Traversing the void as particles, like grains of sand—

I feel so much better after a reload!
Phew.
STARE
TUG
PARTICLE BREAK.
THAT IS MEISA ICHIKAWA'S POWER.
P-14 END

Phase.15[Reload]
PAR-
TICLE
BREAK.
THE
UNEARTHLY
ABILITY TO
CONTROL
NUCLEAR
FORCE AT
WILL...
YAWN
YOU'RE
MY
FAVORITE
DOLL.
FVVT

SWHOOOO
FVVT
NOW, MEISA ICHIKAWA ...
...TAKE BACK AOI FUKA-SAKU.

Be a good girl and hand her over, will you?
STEP
Class representative Ibara Naruse.
Crap ...
FSSH
I won't give you Aoi!
Open your eyes, Meisa Ichikawa!
...I'ma use force.
Cuz otherwise ...
Dr. Coppelius is manipulating you!

HE'S USING US FOR SOME KIND OF DIABOLICAL SCHEME!
...
FVVT
DON'T LISTEN TO THAT RABBIT!
HE'S CLEARLY INSANE!

I know how you must feel, as second-years...
But you don't have to stoop to this!
If we just talk to Vice Principal Mishima and the Ministry of Defense, I'm sure they'll find a way to fix you—

The Ministry of Defense?! They're trying to *kill* us!
You're the one who needs to open her eyes!

...he was the one who created us Coppelion...
...yet he was chased out of the lab before he could finish his work.
Dr. Coppeliue said...
What?!
SO THEY COULD USE US COPPELION FOR WHATEVER THEY WANT.
VRR
FVVT
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE STOLE ALL OF THE DOCTOR'S RESEARCH.
GET IT YET?
I don't care if he's crazy.
I'm sticking with that bunny.
Who tried to toss their own students out with the trash the second they decided we were failures?
Who's really scheming here?

This dark, crumbling world—
I'll reload it with my own two hands!

Aoi Fukasaku is mine!
I won't go easy on you like Mana did!

Wait, Meisa! We can talk this out—
W...

TMP
TMP
TMP
!!
Crap ...
I gotta beat her!
FWAP
Nothing personal!!
FW
OO

SSSSB
?!
SWHOOO

ZWOOM
CRACK
FWOMP

FWAP

SH
O
O
O

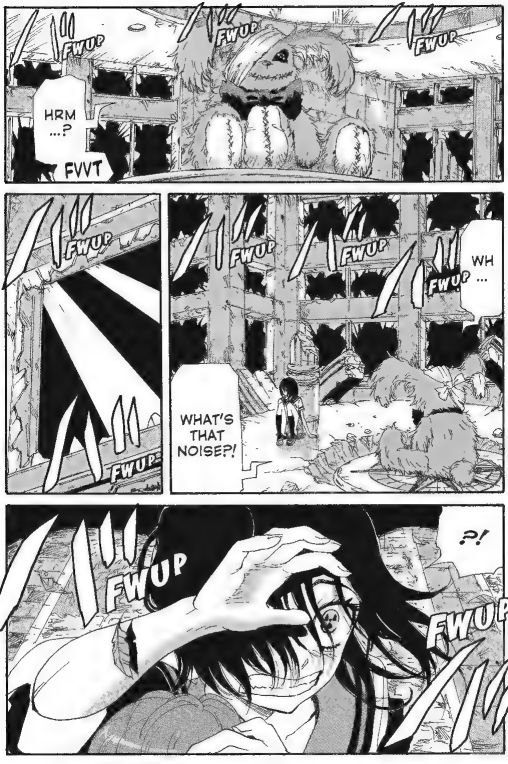
HACK

BASH

FWAP
KOFF
HACK
FWAP

SWIP
Ugh ...
A-Aoi... run!
...
Think about this, rep...
TMP
HOO HOO
Run.... hrk!
He answers to the Ministry of Defense... to the government.
Vice Principal Mishima, who you seem to respect so much?
GRAB

I'm gonna let you live... so you'd better get a grip on reality.
One of these days, you'll get thrown away, too!
See ya!
You're just a government puppet.
Give back Aoi...!
Aoi ...
Give her back ....
SNIFF
G...


FWUP
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HRM ...?
FVVT
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WH ...
FWUP
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?!
FWUP
?!
FWUP
FWUP

FWUP
Wha
...
FWUP
...
What is that thing?! It's like... a locust!

ゴルルル

Ahhhh!!
SHK
SHK
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
B—
FSS
SH
Break
!!

FWUP
...
FWUP
FWUP
PSSSH
FWUP
?!
FWUP
FWUP
CLANK
FWUP
FWUP

FWUP
Tch...
FWUP
DR. COPPE-LIUS...
WE'VE GOT A PROB-LEM.
P-15 END

Phase.16【Takeshita Street】
FWUP
FWUP
RR
M
M
...
FWUP
FWUP

RR
What the heck is this thing?
03
MM
Looks like state-of-the-art equipment ...

KCHK
?
Huh? It's locked.
KCHK
The cock-pit... must be behind this door.
Who are you?! Let me in!
Mr. Pilot!
Heeey!
...
WHAM
Do you hear me?! Heeey!
CLICK
ON
?!

A-A window! It won't open... gah!
FSSSH
Crap! Sleeping gas!
CLACK
CLACK
Huh?!
Wh...
Who... are...
SLUMP
... you ...?
SLIDE
VMMM

FLAP
FLAP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
October 8, 7:00 AM
Near Shinjuku
Gyoen Park
...?
FOOAH
HFF
HFF

He has a very wary heart, so he wouldn't open up to just anyone!
Oh, dear, Mr. Wolf, who'd imagine you could be so tame?
Have you been well? Heehee ...
FWAP
FWAP
Good morning!
Mr. Asimov!
Oh, my!
That tickles! Ahaha!
You must ...
...have a pure heart, then, Mr. Asimov.
It's an expensive, hi-tech helicopter, and there's only one, so it can't be here immediately ...
Y-Yes!
ス...
SWISH
You people came here to save us, did you not?
When is the evac chopper coming?

I think they could meet us by tonight, at the earli-est.
Once they've finished with that, the helicopter can take off again.
And they'll be scrubbing down the helicopter.
At the moment, headquarters should be escorting the group from Mitaka, who we evacuated yesterday, to the hospital in Nagoya.
...
YAWN
Shut up, I'm trying to sleep here!
Looks like there's nothing we can help you with, anyway!
But whatever, keep playing a wolf in sheep's clothing!
Gya-haha!
Ugh, it sucks to be you...
SKRICH
SKRICH
Evacuating people is so damn boring. You sure got the short end of the stick.

Good-bye!
Now stop following us!
We don't need *your* help!
We're leaving for the Shibuya shelter!
Smarty pants blew her top, sis!
SWISH
Uh-oh...
That dumbass can do whatever she wants!
Ha!
What now?
Should we sneak after them again?

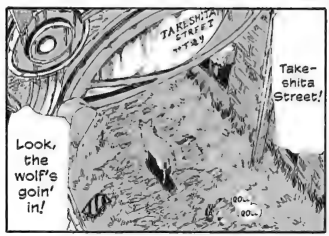
VROOOM
Aren't you worried about your friends?
Hey, Miss Taeko ...
If we stay on Meiji Street, Shibuya is quite close.
We've passed Kitasando... let's see...
KITASANDO
...saving people is everything.
For us...
Is it really okay to go on without them...?

The further we go, the more it feels like the ground is falling out from beneath me...
Ever since we came to Tokyo...
...my confidence has been whittled away.
That's all we have left.
Maybe we really are wolves in sheep's clothing... but that's fine.
And that's ...
But as we go along, there's one thing I do feel is certain.
...the warmth of human touch.
WOOF
WOOF

SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
The wolf.
What was that?
WOOF
He must have found something!
That direction leads to the Yamanote Line, Harajuku Station.
WOOF
Ah...
Where are you going?! Wait!
Follow him, Mr. Asimov!
VROOM

HOOOO
牛丼

Where are we?
Um... oh!


TAKESHITA STREET
Take-shita Street!
Look, the wolf's goin' in!

SKREE
HFF

There are so many clothing shops...
Yup, I heard high school girls used ta flock here!
See, like them!
Why're they sleeping here?!
I-Ibara! Aoi?!

Taeko? Where —?
Ugh...
Ibara!
Ibara!
SWISH
We're on Takeshita Street, in Harajuku! Here, some water.
Thank goodness...
PTOO
What on Earth happened?
Aoi won't wake up, no matter what we try.
There aren't any here, this street's for pedestrians only!
A locust-shaped aircraft?
H-Huh?!
Oh yeah! That aircraft...
The locust craft, where'd it go?!

!
FWT
NA-RUSE, COME IN.
I don't know who saved us, but... coulda at least let us say thanks.
Crap...
I-Ibara ?
...
!
Ibara, the Vice Principal's on the radio!
This is Vice Principal Mishima, calling from Nagoya!
Medical Unit, come in on Channel 2!

You can concentrate on evacuating the remaining survivors.
Get moving! We have work to do!
What are you dawdling for?!
Busy, busy!
They're being taken care of at the hospital.
Don't worry about the Mitaka survivors.
We're preparing the evacuation chopper.
So we need the evac chopper, stat...
And...
...We met up with survivors from Shibuya.
ANYTHING TO REPORT?
FVVT
THAT'S ALL.
I'D LIKE TO REQUEST AN INVESTIGATION OF DR. COPPELIUS.

That's all I have to report.
I'll contact you again.
D—
Dr. Coppelius?!
Naruse, respond!
What do you know about Dr. Coppelius?!
Wait, Naruse!
Okay!
We escaped the danger in Shinjuku!
More problems?
What's up, VP?
Yes...
I have a bad feeling about this.

Don't let your guard down!
The second-years might attack again.
And wait for the evacuation chopper there!
We'll head straight for Shibuya from here...
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Shibuya, here we come!
P-16-END